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## ***U.S. Representative Chris Chocola*** ***Second District, Indiana***

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### **CHOCOLA ‘ANTI-WASTE’ PROVISION BECOMES LAW** ***President signs Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Legislation***

**WASHINGTON** – Congressman Chris Chocola’s (R-IN) wasteful spending provision took flight Friday when the President signed into law the “Flight 100 – Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act.” The law reauthorizes the programs of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the next four years. The provision authored by Chocola is designed to curb the FAA’s wasteful government spending.

“Unfortunately, there is waste, fraud, and abuse at all levels of the Federal government,” said Chocola. “As Vice Chairman of the House Aviation Subcommittee, I learned about government credit card abuses occurring at the FAA and knew someone had to clip its wings before the rate of abuse could escalate.”

In March 2003, the Government Accounting Office (GAO) issued a report entitled, “FAA Purchase Cards: Weak Controls Resulting in Instances of Improper and Wasteful Purchases and Missing Assets.” The March 2003 report uncovered \$5.4 million of improper, wasteful, and questionable purchases, as well as missing and stolen assets associated with FAA purchase cards.

Within the report GAO included several recommendations to strengthen the FAA’s internal controls in its purchase card program. Reducing current vulnerability to fraud, decreasing wasteful purchases, and increasing accountability for its assets were among some of GAO’s suggestions. However, to date, the FAA has failed to implement any of these strategies.

“My provision will bring some long overdue accountability to the FAA by forcing its Administrator to implement GAO’s recommendations,” said Chocola. “Now that the President has signed the bill into law, I am looking forward to FAA’s testimony before the Aviation Subcommittee, which will take place a year from now and will include a report on its progress.”

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